

**Blakesley CE Primary School
Blakesley
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Christmas is coming

Thank you to FABs for the kind donation of a beautiful Christmas tree which is now standing proudly in the school hall. Our reception children had such fun sorting the decorations and being helpful elves. Seeing the tree decorated always brings excitement and the feeling that Christmas is well on the way.

Christmas Hampers

Please continue to bring in items for the Christmas Hampers which FABs will be auctioning off after school, in the hall, on Friday 16th December. There will be mince pies and drinks on sale as the raffle takes place. Come along and join in the fun.

Donation requests still needed:

Year Group	Donation Requests
6	Family Night Treats
5	Christmas treats
4	Pamper items
3	Chocolate
2	Stationery
1	Gardening items
Reception	Wine



Clean water changes lives

Our School Council, consisting of Jess, Monty, Rowley, Isabella, Hugo and Gilly, have been looking in further detail at a project called charity: water. Staggeringly around the world, 771 million people still lack access to clean water. Diseases from dirty water kill more people every year than all forms of violence including war which is rather a 'thought-provoking' fact. Each class is suggesting ways in which money might be raised. At next week's meeting the council will decide which ideas will be pursued.



Pupil voice

Sports crew have been doing a fantastic job at lunchtimes organising activities and challenges for younger children. They are now planning more competitive tasks and arranging inter-house events across all age ranges. Seeing the leaders plan together, organise their equipment and then run their sessions is really inspiring. Plus, working together and guiding others gives them all a real chance to develop their leadership skills.

Application forms are being completed by pupils who would like to be involved in 'Eco Group' or to become librarians. There are many ways in which our school could become a 'greener' school, so giving the children a platform where they can have their say or make meaningful contributions is being created.

It is wonderful seeing children enjoying, sharing and taking care of books. Having monitors to take on Librarian roles, have a say on new purchases, make recommendations and create displays will be so useful. For any one interested, keep those application forms coming in. All forms must be submitted by 12.30pm on Tuesday 6th Dec.



Invitations to the community

Class 4 have designed invitations that have now been distributed to elderly members of our village community offering an afternoon of festive cheer, mince pies, carols and fellowship. This event will be taking place in the hall, at 2pm on Friday 9th December 2022. As the pupils of Class 4 are hosting this event. there is no swimming that afternoon.

If there are others that you would like to extend this invitation to, please feel free to do so- the more, the merrier. Please inform the office of invites offered. Thank you.



Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service will be led by the pupils of Class 3, in St Mary's Church, next Friday, at 9.30am. All pupils are attending, and full school uniform must be worn. Parents are welcome to attend.

To help create the Christingles in readiness for the service, all children have been asked to bring a large orange into school by Wednesday at the latest. Thank you.

Forthcoming events

- 7/12 Dress Rehearsal 2pm and Nativity 6pm
- 8/12 Nativity 6pm
- 9/12 Christingle in Blakesley Church 9.30am Led by Class 3 (All welcome to attend)
- 9/12 Visiting Community Event Y5/6 2-3pm (No swimming)
- 14/12 School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Dinners need booking via Dolce)
- 15/12 Carols around The Tree 9.30am Church Carol service with Readings by Class 4 (All welcome to attend .Each class will be singing a song)
- 16/12 Last day of term (Last swimming session)
- 16/12 3.30pm Christmas Raffle and Mince Pies
- 4/1/23 Wednesday School Re-opens

If there are aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss or if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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